

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Loevli, et al.)
Serial No.: NYA) Group Art Unit:
Filed: October 4, 2005) Examiner:
For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF)
STEROIDAL CARBOTHIOIC ACID)
DERIVATIVES AND INTERMEDIATES)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.